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450100-03800**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 5-7 are independent. Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 are hereby amended.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,470,497 to Ellis.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites:

writing means for writing said preset information in said user's schedule list;
synchronization means for synchronizing said program information and/or said user's schedule list of said portable information terminal apparatus with one or more external apparatuses; and
program recording history means for recording viewing patterns of said user;
wherein said displaying means further displays said user's schedule list including said preset information written by said writing means said preset information being distinguishable from said user's schedule

It is respectfully submitted that the relied upon portions of Ellis do not teach or suggest a portable information terminal, including preset information and a user's schedule, wherein "said preset information is distinguishable from said user's schedule," as recited in claim 1 of the instant application. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification at page 83, lines 7-14. Accordingly, it is submitted that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentably distinguished over the relied upon portions of Ellis and is allowable.

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For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, amended independent claims 5-7 are also believed to distinguish over the relied upon portions of Ellis and are allowable.

Claims 2-4, and 8-14 depend from allowable base claims and are therefore allowable therewith. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

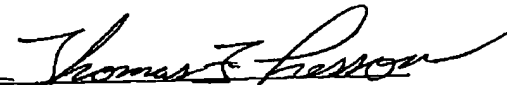
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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